

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In Re Application of:

RING, MICHAEL E.

Serial No.: 09/399,412

Filed: September 20, 1999

For: A METHOD OF AND AN APPARATUS  
FOR ENHANCING THE BRAKING  
EFFICIENCY OF A RAILWAY  
FREIGHT TRAIN CONSIST

Group Art Unit: 3661

Examiner: B. BROADHEAD

Attorney Docket: CRD 99304

Date: January 25, 2001

HON. COMMISSIONER OF PATENTS AND TRADEMARKS  
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20231

ATTN: BOX NON-FEE AMENDMENT

AMENDMENT

Sir:

Applicant acknowledges that an Office Action dated October 25, 2000, pertaining to the above referenced matter has been received.

Please amend the application as follows:

In the Specification:

✓ On page 3, line 5, after "filed on", please insert  
-- September 17, 1999 --.

✓ On page 3, line 6, after "Number", please insert  
-- 09/397,827 --.

**REMARKS**

In the Office Action, the Examiner rejects claims 1-3, 5-8, 11 and 16-17 under 35 USC 102(b) as being anticipated by Cook et al (5,605,387). The Examiner also rejects claim 4 under 35 USC 103(a) as being unobvious over Cook et al in view of Jordan, Jr.